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Editor Notes —

Again it is time for the majority of our subscribers of 'In The Beginning', to renew, starting January 1, 1985. For those away from here we will make the customary red cross, unless you are already paid up.

At the present time we are planning on going through 1985, and perhaps with some help for some longer.

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We have some corrections to make in the Walker family in the last issue. In the Charles Walker family the name of Leon was omitted, and the name of Muriel was given as Merlin. The little girl they lost was named Jennie Lee. There were three boys and two girls in this family.

The Clarence Walker family lost a small boy named Kenneth.

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The November, 1984, meeting of the Woodson County Historical Society was held at the 107 Inn, for the 6:30 dinner meeting. There were 54 present for the meeting. After a short business meeting chaired by the president Kenneth Stockebrand, the meeting was turned over to Robert S. Bader, of Berryton, Kansas, near Topeka. His talk was about his forthcoming book, "Probition in Kansas". Mr. Bader has spent many hours and days in researching this subject. This is the second book that Mr. Bader has written and published in the last three years. The first book was "The Great Bond Scandal 1933-34". This book deals with the Finney family formerly from Neosho Falls.

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Robert S. Bader was born and grew up in the LeRoy-Neosho Fall area. He has been a Life Member of the Woodson County Historical Society for several years. His wife Joan accompanied him to this meeting.

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Cover picture Corn Shocks In Winter Time. Taken Feb., 1962, on the Geo. Ballard farm, now the home of Don and Wilma Haen, 3 miles south and one west of Neosho Falls.

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WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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With the building of the new addition to the Museum, and the additional display cases given the Society and the changing of several of the older cases, Mrs. Jackie Stephan has had some busy days, with the help of the President, Kenneth Stockebrand and others.

While the Museum officially closed on Labor Day, there has been at least fifty persons who have gone through the building since then by contacting officers who have a key to the building. They were from different states and some locally.

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The Bi-monthly September meeting of the Woodson County Historical Society was held September 25, 1984, at the 107 Inn, with 51 present for the dinner. The program was presented by Robert Briley, an attorney from Chanute, his topic was about "Wills and Estates". It was an interesting meeting.

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IN MEMORIAN

Dorothy Sterling 85 October 7, 1984

Mrs. Sterling was a native of Woodson County most of her life and a member of the Historical Society for several years attending the meetings when possible.

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Deborah Matthews 81 November 15, 1984

While a native of Coffey County, Mrs. Mathews lived a large part of her life in Woodson County. She attended meetings of the Woodson County Historical Society of which she was a Life Member.

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Robert Klick 78 November 17, 1984

"Bob" Klick lived most of his life in Woodson County. He held a Life Membership in the Woodson County Historical Society.

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Mrs. Jackie Stephan is the present Curator of the Woodson County Historical Museum and has been doing a splendid job. Her husband Eugene Stephan is a teacher in the Yates Center schools.

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First Railway Attempts To Build Across The County —

The first railway attempts of any track across Woodson County were taken from Andreas History of Kansas, printed in 1883.

The first railway to make proposals to Woodson County was the Union Pacific, which contemplated running a southern branch through the county. $70,000 of bonds were asked and the proposition submitted to the people on August 16, 1867. Returns were received from Neosho, Liberty, Owl Creek and Belmont townships. All together there were 105 for the bonds and 115 against. On November of the same year a second attempt was made to secure this road at $71,000 in bonds, but it was not successful, the vote being 125 for and 131 against.

In 1870 the Humboldt, Arkansas River Railway was organized and proposed to build west from Humboldt across Woodson County. Owl Creek was asked for $50,000 in bonds, Belmont Township, $30,000 and Toronto Township, for $20,000. All bonds were to run 30 years and only to be issued upon completion of the road. The proposition was accepted by a small majority in Belmont and Toronto townships, but lost in Owl Creek by a vote of 22 to 144. This road was never built.

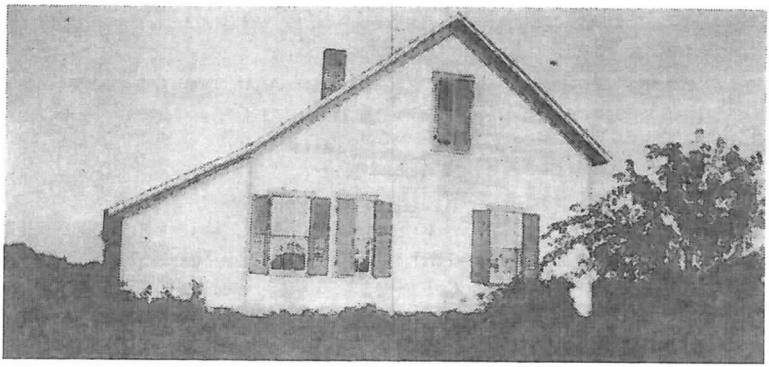
(It should be noted here that at that time there were only five townships in the county.)

At the same time the Fort Scott, Iola and Neosho Valley Railway asked $50,000 in bonds from Neosho Falls Township on condition of completing the road and putting in operation by January 1, 1872. The same year it was proposed to issue $175,000 in bonds to the Paola and Fall River Railway and an election was held, but the point was taken and sustained that there had not been a sufficient publication of the notice of election and the votes were never canvassed.

About this time the Fort Scott, Humboldt and Western Railway made a proposition but it was very effectively killed by a vote of 175 to 701. The next candidate was the St. Louis, Ft. Scott, Arizona Railway, which received a vote of 745 to 504. The returns from Owl Creek Township which were heavily against the proposition were thrown out. The road however was never built.

On March 15, 1881 the proposition to vote bonds to the Kansas Arizona Railway was submitted to Liberty Township and lost 99 to 129. In June, 1881 the only cross-country railway that ever became a reality in the country made a proposition for the subscription of bonds to its stock. This road, the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita asked $28,000 of Center Township and $22,000 of Toronto Township. The measure met with little opposition in either place and passed by 124 to 71 in Center and 64 to 14 in Toronto. Work was at once begun on the road and it was completed through the county the same Fall.

We have a copy of the draft drawn up with the Ft. Scott, Humboldt and Western Railroad with no amounts attached. It is written in long hand. We will show in a later issue.



This was the home of Amasa Howard for years and stood on the south side of Cherry Creek, a mile and half west and about three quarter miles south from Vernon. Amasa Howard and others had come to this part of Kansas before 1860. They liked this country, but they moved on. Evidently coming back during the War, Emory Howard received the Patent from the United States for the southwest quarter of Sec. 8, Twp. 24, Range 16. Emory Howard then sold this 160 acres to C.P. Howard in August 5, 1864.

On June 17, 1869 C.P. Howard sold the quarter section to his brother Amasa. While Amasa did not own the land first he evidently had a cabin along Cherry Creek. Here his first wife died. She was buried along a road not far from the cabin.

Sometime around 1864, the widow Kennedy married Amasa Howard. Twin daughters were born to Amasa and Elizabeth Howard. About this time Amasa decided to build a substantial house. Driving his yoke of oxen to a heavy wagon he went to a saw mill at Ottawa, Kansas, and secured enough walnut lumber to build his house that included a circular stairway. As this was a two story house several trips were made for this lumber. Brick for the chimney and others were bought and hauled from Humboldt.

When the twin girls were very small Amasa Howard died. Amasa was buried beside his wife.

And now many years later the fine walnut lumber house and all out buildings are gone, and is part of a field. The graves of Amasa and his wife are lost and forgotten. Some of the life story of Amasa and wife Elizabth Harper were told in the July, 1984 issue of this quarterly.

The Johann Gottlieb Hartwig Family —

Mr. Hartwig, who we will refer to as Gottlieb was born in Platinow, Prussia on September 10, 1815 according to his passport. He later moved to Meesow where he met and married a neighbor girl, Maria Elisabeth Wilhelmina Pribbernow, but was mostly known as "Minnie" was born at Meesow, Prussia. On April 18, 1856, Gottlieb, his wife and five children sailed for the United States, supposedly to visit a brother. Coming to America with the parents were five children, August Friederich Wilhelm, age 17, Karl Friederich Gottlieb, age 15, Emilie Wilhelmine Sophie, age 13, Johann Friederich Eduard, age 6, Bertha Henriette Ernestine, age 4.

The family sailed from Hamburg, Germany. It was believed that two daughters remained in Prussia, because they were engaged to be married.

The family first settled in Kane County, in Northern Illinois, just a short distance from Chicago, where a son, Henry T. was born in October 1858. From there, traveling by team and wagon they moved to near LeRoy, Coffey Co. Then in 1863 the family made their final move to the Owl Creek neighborhood, settling along the north side of Owl Creek in the northwest quarter of section.

Johann Gottlieb Hartwig and wife Maria Elizabeth Wilhelmina. They are both buried in the Owl Creek Cemetery on their old homestead.

Times were hard in Germany and the promise of large tract of land, cheap, where people could be free evidently caused them to make the difficult journey from their homeland to this new, wild frontier. If Gottleib really did follow a brother to America the later families knew nothing about him.

Neither do they know the reason for their moving on out to Kansas, but news of a more moderate climate together with tales of the newly opened Territory of Kansas with large tracts of rich farmland easily obtainable must have had their influence. Other relatives followed to Kansas.

The history of the Territory of Kansas in those days was restless, unsettled and explosive with both pro and anti-slavery factions trying to control the new government. With the two attacks on Lawrence, with the raids on settlements close to the Missouri border, and with the burning of Humboldt only about nine miles east of the Hartwig homestead, news must have been frightening at times.

However the Hartwig family was living near LeRoy, when Kansas became a state, January 29, 1861 and a call came from President Lincoln for volunteers to serve in the Union Army. William was the first of this family to enlist. He enlisted as a private at the age 21 years, on November 15, 1861. His address was given as Neosho Falls. Karl whose name was changed to Charles, enlisted as a private at the age of 19, on June 25, 1862, giving his address as Neosho Falls. Less than three months later Charles died at the Fort Scott Military Hospital of typhoid fever on September 13, 1862. William and Charles were both in Co. F Ninth Regiment Kansas Volunteer Cavalry, that had its beginning at Neosho Falls and later to Iola. Another one, John Hartwig, born in Germany, enlisted in this same company, on December 1, 1861, giving his age as 34, and his address as Neosho Falls. We presume that this John was a relative of this Hartwig family but have nothing more about him.

Sorrow again came to this family at the death of a daughter Emilie, who died May 9, 1863, at the age of 19 years. Since there was no cemetery in the area, Gottleib donated a corner in the northwest corner of his farmstead to be known as the Owl Creek Cemetery. This cemetery is also known as the Lutheran Cemetery as it is just across the road from where the Lutheran Ghurch was built and stood there for quite a few years on land belonging to the Bayer family. Emilie was the first burial in that cemetery.

Many hardships and heartaches were met and overcome by this pioneer family as nature added to obstacles to those of life in the establishment of their new home. In 1860 there

began a long and serious drought when there was no snow during the winter or any appreciable rain for 18 months. Grasshoppers invaded the countryside in September, 1866 when late fields and gardens were devoured. Again in 1874 the settlers suffered through both a drought and a grasshopper invasion.

Gottlieb and family prospered through all of these adversities. Two sons William and Fred followed their father in the farming.

Gottlieb spent his last years in Humboldt, Kansas with Martin and Hulda Henrichs, and died May 8, 1905. He is buried in the Owl Creek Cemetery beside his wife, "Minnie," who preceded in death, January 2, 1878.

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Taking up the children of Gottlieb and Wilhemina Hartwig we will start in with the oldest, August Friederick Wilhelm, who we will refer to as William as that was the name he seemed to choose. He was married to Bertha Schults, December 9, 1869, they settled on a farm along Owl Creek in Sec. 9, Twp. 25, Range 17.

They were the parents of 11 children, with ten of these growing to adulthood. They were, Henry August, Helena Amelia, Bertha Matilda Alvina, Minnie Helena, Mary Caralina, Minnie Henrietta, Charles Robert, Nellie Florence, Elsie Louise, Frederick, Lillian Dorothea.

Henry August was born Nov. 18, 1870 in Woodson Co. He married Margaret Grabb. They lived in New York where he worked for a railroad. Not much is known about them.

Helen Amelia was born Nov. 15, 1872, and died at the age of two years.

Bertha Matilda Alvina was born Dec. 16, 1874. She went by the nickname of "Till". She married Luke Shahan Beckett Nov. 21, 1893. They had the following children, Bertha Amanda, Clara Marie, James William, Ruth Margaret and Roy Clifford.

Amelia Helene "Jo" was born Oct. 18, 1877 in Woodson Co. On Feb. 23, 1898 she was married to Joel Edward Smith. "Jo" and Joel had a long and happy married life of 62 years. They had no children.

Mary Caroline Hartwig fifth child of William was born March 21,1880. She was married to Ray Hays, Sept. 3, 1901. They farmed in the Otter Springs area their entire married life that lasted over 65 years. They were the parents of three children, Charlie Ralph, an infant that died infancy, and Lola Irene. Lola was married to Charles Larence Berry in 1935.

Minnie Henrietta was born in the farm home on Feb. 9, 1883. On Nov. 26, 1902 she was married to Frank Golobay. They were the parents of the following children, Frances Amelia, Theodore Henry, David August, Elsie Marie, William Jacob, (twin), Wilma Josephine, (twin), Juanita Nellie and Pauline Mary.

Karl "Charley" Robert was born May 12, 1885, at Cookville, Woodson County. On Nov. 8, 1916 he was married to Lillie Louise Schaede. Their children were, Charlotte Dorthea, Howard Henry, Joyce Delight, Neil Robert, Billie Eugene and Charles Stanley.

Nellie Florence Hartwig, born Feb. 17, 1888, near Cookville, Kansas. On July 18, 1920 she was married to Charles W. Holsapple. They had no children. Nell spent many years in the nursing profession.

Elsie Louise was born June 28, 1890, near Cooksville. She married James P. Sinclair August 24, 1915. There were no children.

Frederick William, was born January 1, 1893 at the farm a mile north of Cookville. On May 18, 1918 he married Joetta Frances Berner. They had a son Frederick William, Jr.

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It would be interesting to have taken this family up another generation, as that was the ones that the Editor knew best, but that would have taken another book.

Incidently the most of the information about the Hartwig Family was taken from the book, "Descendants of Johann Gottleib and Maria Elizabeth Wilhelmina Pribbernow and some Allied Families", compiled by Martha Lou Peters Fitch, of Chanute. Mrs. Fitch has placed one of these hardback, well bound books in the Yates Center library. She was also kind enough to give permission for the Editor of "In The Beginning" to use what he thought would be interesting to the readers of the Woodson County Historical Quarterly.

The picture on the opposite page is of the William Hartwig Family. Starting on the front row, left to right are-Lillian, William holding Nellie, Charley, Minnie, Bertha Wilhelmina holding Elsie, and Frederick. Top row-Mary, Bertha Matilda "Tillie", Henry and Amelia.

Like so many of the early homesteads over Woodson County all of the original buildings are gone from the Homestead of Johann Gottleib Hartwig family, just to the north side of Owl Creek and south of the Owl Creek Cemetery that was on their homestead.

ODDS AND ENDS —

MRS. BESSIE REID, wife of our former townsman, T. L. Reid, died at Osage City, Kansas June 19th, 1912. In March she underwent an operation for a tumor, but never recovered from its effects. She was of Scotch descent, the daughter of John R. Willett, a sea captain, and was born at Annapolis, Nova Scotia, June 1, 1854. She was married at Bridge town, Nova Scotia, to T.L. Reid, Nov. 3, 1873, and immediately went with her husband to the State of Massachusetts, where they lived about two years. Early in 1875 Tom came west and landed in Neosho Falls in March of that year with only 25 cents in his pocket and went to work on a farm. As soon as the necessary money was earned he sent for his wife and baby and they arrived in the fall of that year, and with the exception of one year in Iola and about the same time in Fulton, MO and the past two years at Osage City, Woodson County has been her home through all the intervening years. She was the mother of eight children, all except the oldest being born in this county. The body arrived at Yates Center, Friday night and services were held on the lawn at the residence of S.E. Martin on Saturday afternoon. An appropriate address was made by Elder G. H. Lamb, and burial by the side of her babies in Yates Center Cemetery.

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PEERLESS PHOTOPLAY- Program for tonight —

"A Romance of Wall Street"	Vitagraph
"A Ragtime Love Affair"	Essany
"The Half-Breed's Daughter"	Vitagraph

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MARRIED-On Wednesday, June 26th, the St. Mary's church in Owl Creek township was the scene of a very pretty wedding where Mr. Michael Crahan and Miss Rose Link were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. Fowler, which was followed by the nuptial mass, during which Mrs. Otto Link and Mrs. Mike Lynch sang beautiful hymns. The bride was attended by Miss Kathryn Crahan, sister of the groom, while John Link, brother of the bride, acted as best man.

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D.D. Patterson, son of Dave Patterson and Ed R. Herold, son of Chris Herold of West Center have bought the Elite Cafe on the north side of square and took charge at once.

Hay harvest is on and hay baling camps are dotted over the county, and the grass is making a good ton to the acre.

TORONTO REPUBLICAN, Aug. 8, 1913, E.E. Kelley, Editor—

Miss Marcia Kelley arrived from Williamsport, Indiana, Tuesday for a month's visit with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Kelley. She has just finished a summer term in Purdue University. She has taught in the Williamsport city schools this past four years and will teach at West Lebanon, Indiana, the ensuing school year.

C.O. Stotts and Ed Kimbell were in Toronto Tuesday forenoon. Mr. Kimbell was arranging to ship some cattle to Wyoming for pasturage. Now you foreigners get an idea of about how dry it has been for the past two months in Kansas.

Mrs. S.C. Holcomb, of Yates Center was in Toronto, Tuesday visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Truman.

Six years ago people would walk blocks in Toronto to see an automobile. Each evening last week a long line of them were parked near the Chautauqua grounds and did not attract as much notice as would a matched team of horses hitched to a fine carriage.

S. C. Gustin, was in town Saturday and gave us the usual item — another grandchild in the family. His daughter, Mrs. Cliff Hartman, is the mother of a fine daughter born, Tuesday, July 22.

T.W. Williamson, the architect for the new school building was in town Friday putting the final touches to the plans for the school building.

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Specifications for fence around schoolhouse. (We have before us as editor a copy of the specifications for a fence around the schoolhouse that we believe to be the above schoolhouse.)

Posts to be hewed straight and set in a straight line - 2 feet and 3 inches in the ground - to be sawed off obliquly 4 ft. 3 inches above ground - 5 boards nailed to the side with joints broken and one on top of posts. One gate at least 8 foot wide. Two pairs of steps over the second board from the top to be 8 feet wide, 10 inch step and 8 inch riser with three stringers and hand rail on each side at a proper height the partition fence to have the posts set 2 ft. and six inches in the ground, with rails spiked on top and within one foot from the ground with a 12 inch base board nailed on the bottom and 6 inch boards 4½ ft. long nailed on furpen diculary close together with a plowed 2 inch rail on top.

Director O.L. Mann

CATTLE TRAILS ACROSS WOODSON COUNTY —

From the 1870's to the 1900's there were several well known cattle trails criss-crossing — some from north to south some from south to north. Also some crossing from east to west. We will try and tell of some of these trails.

One of these trails came into the southeast corner of Kansas from along the Indian Territory and Arkansas. Baxter Springs, Kansas was one of the main towns. Some herds from Texas probably also came up this trail. These herds were supposed to be checked for ticks that caused the Texas Fever.

About the middle of September, 1880, three men, driving about 250 head of cattle crossed the Kansas border without having the herd checked for the Texas tick. Just who checked these cattle as they had made their way to Woodson County, and were stopped or the cattle checked along Scatter Creek or the Otter Springs branch. A part of the herd checked seemed to have some of the Texas ticks on them.

The three men were arrested and taken to Yates Center. On September 20, 1880 the trial of Issac Aldrith, William Janbria and William Holt was held in Yates Center upon charge of driving Texas and Indian Territory cattle in Perry Township and that said parties were found guilty and adjudged to pay fines aggragating to $500 and costs. And they were in default of payment of same. They were committed to the Allen County jail. (Woodson County had no jail).

The people were watched by the people of Perry Township who determined that the cattle should not be removed until the law had been vindicated and the fine and costs had been paid.

A number of the more prominent citizens of Perry and Owl Creek townships, headed by J.M. Wallace and M. Reedy appeared before the Board of County Commissioners and asked that board to allow at least part of the responsibility in regard to the Texas and Indian cattle now in custody in Perry Township, Woodson County, and that the said Board of County Commissioners being fully satisfied that William Holt, one of the defendents being unable to pay the fine imposed by the jury trying his case. It is hereby ordered by the Board that said Holt be discharged from custody and the jailer of Allen County is to hereby to release said Holt, therefrom. And it was further considered by said Board of County Commissioners that in case any officer of the county levy executive on all or part of this aforesaid cattle. That said county wire indemnity such official against any damage he may sustain by reason of such levy and that said county will be responsible for any cost incurred therein.

This was signed by the county commissioners, O.C. Swain, T.J. Eagle and J. Henry Bayer.

Thus sustained, Deputy Sheriff Frank Cannady, armed with execution, started for the herd to make a levy upon such property as he could find. Cannady levied on 137 head of the Arkansas cattle, 10 ponies, a spring wagon, six saddles and bridles and several other articles of camp equipment that would in turn be sold on November 18 at the Otter Springs Schoolhouse, Perry Township to satisfy fine and costs. Deputy Sheriff Bever started with the balance of the herd for the Indian Territory.

However, the sale did not take place. When the officials from Woodson Co., arrived where the cattle were, they found some lawyers from Iola had an injunction to hold the cattle and other paraphania from the Indian Territory, and had not bothered to let the Woodson official know about it. The trial for the men bringing them here was changed to Iola as that was where the men were being held.

The last notice we found in the paper concerning the trial of the two men was that on December 2, 1880 that Deputy Attorney Shively, Sheriff Davis and Deputy James Cannady went to Topeka to attend the Texas Cattle Sale case in the United States Court. The man Holt that was dismissed from the case was because he had no interest in the cattle but was just hired to help drive the herd into Kansas.

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The two men who were leaders in the stopping of this herd of cattle - J.M. Wallace and M. Reedy were both early day settlers in that part of the county.

Capt. James Michael Wallace and family came here in the spring of 1868, and homesteaded 160 acres along Scatter Creek. This farm is on the Woodson side of the Woodson-Allen County Line and about four miles from the Wilson County Line. He had been in an Illinois Infantry during the Civil War and was called Captain although he is listed as a Lieutenant on the marker at his grave. It seems that he had also been elected as the Justice of Peace for Perry township at the time of the herd of cattle being drove through Perry township. The farm known then as the Wallace farm has for years been known as the Ellison farm. First there was David Ellison then son John, his son Don, Don's son David, who still lives on the farm.

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Michael Reedy first came to the Owl Creek area in 1857. He homesteaded 160 acres not far from the south bank of Owl Creek. While Reedy lived about four miles from Wallace the cattle would probably been driven close to the Reedy farm from where they were stopped close to the Otter Springs Schoolhouse, by the Wallace farm.

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THE JESSE JACKSON SR. FAMILY —

Jesse Jackson was a native of Indiana, being born there. On April 11, 1867 he was married to Miss Nancy Ann Forgy, who was also a native of Indiana. In 1869, Jesse and Nancy with a baby boy Leander Wellington, born April 19, 1867, left by team and wagon for the west. They came first to Kansas, settling first in Johnson County. A baby girl, Edna Jane evidently was born late in 1869, as they arrived in Woodson County in 1870 with the two small children.

They settled on a farm four miles north of Yates Center. There were no buildings on the 80 acres they got. Jesse evidently made a trip to the Land Office at Humboldt to apply for his homestead. He staked out the east half of the southeast quarter of Sec. 12, Twp., 24, R. 15. To make good on the homestead the settler had to build a small house about 8 x 10 feet. They had to occupy the claim so much of the time for five years before they could receive a Patent of Deed for the claim. We do not know just when Mr. Jackson applied for his claim, but it was not until December 20, 1877. We do not know just why but some were fortunate to get their Patent sooner.

The first home the Jackson family had on their claim was when Jesse took the covered wagon box off of the running gears and place the covered wagon box on some rocks. This enabled him to use the rest of the wagon to haul things.

It was sometime in March, 1874 that talk of a railroad to be built from LeRoy to Toronto, going up the Turkey Creek Valley. The grading evidently started near LeRoy. According to a correspondent from the Turkey Creek area writing for the Woodson Co. Post at Neosho Falls Post, made note that two men from the Coloma and Pleasant View vicinity, Jesse Jackson and M. Carroll worked on it but received no pay, as the contract and bonds did not carry.

As the family grew the "Cracker-Box" cabin was not enough room. Later a stone house was erected here.

The Jesse Jacksons like many of the pioneers made their own molasses and sorghum from cane grown on the farm for themselves and for neighbors, storing a wooden barrel full in the cellar for the winter. One year the hoops rusted off, letting the entire contents waste. That year they practically went without sweetning as that was about their only source of sugar.

At age 13 Effie was feeding the cane into the one horse powered press, and had the misfortune to get her hand caught in the slow moving rolls. Jesse Jr. was only four years old ran into the shed where Jesse Sr. was tending the fire and skimming and stirring the boiling juice in the vat. Jesse Sr. rushed out to stop the horse, but not until the arm had been pulled in past the elbow making amputation necessary.

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We told about the first two children, but will list them with the others. Jesse and Nancy Jackson were the parents of nine.

1-Leander Willington-Born April 19, 1868-Died Oct. 1925.
2-Edna Jane-Born August 3, 1870-Died Sept. 14, 1910.
3-Effie Mae-Born January 13, 1872-Died May 15, 1950.
4-John Forgly-Born March 3, 1875-Died Feb. 8, 1939.
5-Cleophas-Born Nov. 3, 1875-Died June 14, 1948.
6-Jesse Lafayette-Born Nov. 1, 1878-Died ---.
7-Luanna Caroline-Born Feb. 25 1881-Died July 10, 1883.
8-Grover Cleveland (Cleve)-Born Nov. 3, 1884-Died Jan. 7, 1961.
9-William Ira-Born Feb. 25, 1887-Died ---.

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Luanna Caroline died when just over two years old, while the family were living on the homestead, four miles north of Yates Center. (We have in our files the Memoirs written by Orin C. Rose.)

"Our neighbors, the Jesse Jacksons, who lived just across the road, were saddened by the death of a little daughter. Father allowed me to accompany him when he went to Dell Parks, to have a little casket made. From rough black walnut lumber Dell made a beautiful little casket."

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Poor crops due to drougth and sickness caused the Jesse Jacksons to move in 1893 to the Maple Grove community in southeast Woodson County. The homestead was sold for $100 to George VanAlstine, January 1, 1893. (VanAlstine did not keep it long until he sold it for $2,000.)

Jesse Sr. and Nancy Jackson with their family moved to the southeast quarter of Sec. 16, Twp. 26, R. 17. Some of the boys

were grown by this time and started out on their own. There was no house on this farm so a sod house was built. Two of the boys lived in it while putting in the crop that year. Another house soon built of lumber and later became the home of Cleve Jackson.

Jesse Jackson, Sr. and Cleve again made sorghum and did blacksmithing. Four of the boys became part time carpenters.

As there were but a few trees growing on the prairie and small streams, the Jacksons for several years went to Owl Creek, eight miles distance with team and wagon to get their fuel for the winter, and for the cook stoves. They did this for several years.

Nancy Jackson died December 28, 1910. Jesse Sr. died January 13, 1917.

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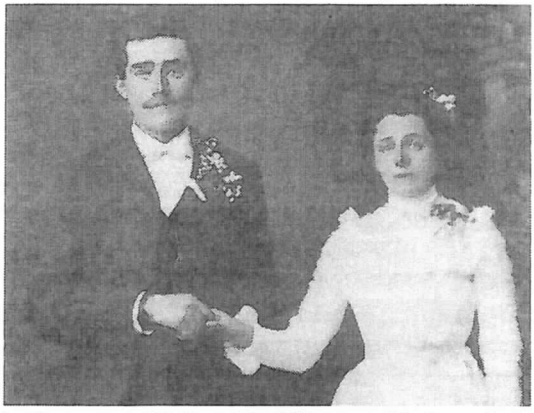
JESSE L. JACKSON FAMILY —

Jesse Layfayette Jackson was born on the Jackson homestead four miles north of Yates Center on Nov. 1, 1878. When he was about 15 years old he moved with his family to the Maple Grove vicinity in Perry Township.

Jesse L. Jackson was married to Miss Elenore (Ella) Louise Houch, on February 25, 1902. The first house they moved into was about a mile and quarter east of the Maple Grove Church. The wallpaper in this house was newspapers to make it clean.

While living here they started building on their own. The building site chosen was in the northwest quarter of Sec. 19, Twp. 25, Range 17. This land had been purchased by Ella's mother in 1882, and was purchased by Ella from her grandmother.



Jesse L. Jackson and his wife Elinore. Picture taken on their wedding day February 25, 1902. They were the parents of two children, Rachel and Noel.

While living east of the Maple Grove Church, Jesse L., started building a barn on their farm southwest of the church. When the barn was finished they moved into the new barn while they started building a new two story house. The house was finished in time for the arrival of their daughter, Rachel, on December 16, 1902.

Rachel Jackson was married to Robert Watts December 23, 1928. He died 1973. They were the parents of a girl and three boys, Gale, Lyle, Mary and James.

Gale married Mary Ann Edwards, May 23, 1954. They have three children, Rex, Pamela and Patricia.

Lyle married Mary Lou McGirk, June 26, 1962, a widow with a son named Patrick. They had two children, Morgan and Lou Ann. Mary Lou died in 1977. Lyle has since married a widow, the former Woodson County Home Economics agent, Alathea Newell.

Mary married Ron Thompson, June 29, 1958. Their three daughters are Catherine, Rebecca and Judy.

James is single.

Noel Jackson was born March 27, 1906 on the home farm. He married Julia Bennett February 1, 1933. They are the parents of five children, Doreene, Dwight, Eunice, and the twins Ellen and Helen.

Doreene married Nelson Pringle, June 3, 1956. Their children are Barbara, Stephanie and John.

Dwight married Caroline Emery, December 5, 1961. They have three children, Debra, Kevin, and Selina.

Eunice married Norman Trichler, July 22, 1962. Their boys are Grant, Mark (deceased) and Todd.

Ellen married Francis Jackson, Dec. 31, 1972.

Helen married Fred Eisele, June 10, 1962. They have four children, Lisa, Brenda, Don and Sheldon.

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Rachel Jackson Watts with her son James live on the Watts farm where she has lived for quite a few years. They live 3 miles east and four miles south from Yates Center.

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Noel and Julia Jackson still live on the Jackson farm that his parents built up as a fine farm.

After the death of his wife Elinore, March 20, 1934, Jesse L. Jackson was married to Margaret Taylor, Oct. 20, 1951. Margaret died Oct. 18, 1966 and Jesse L. Jackson, Feb. 1, 1970.

ODDS AND ENDS —
WOODSON COUNTY ADVOCATE, Yates Center, KS —

July 1, 1912 - Julius Schirneker, who works at Mason's livery barn was found unconscious near one of the stalls in the barn last Friday. It is not definitely known whether he was kicked by a horse or whether his fall was due to some other cause. He was bruised about the head and his bruises will prevent him from doing any hard work for a time.

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Mrs. R.L. Bedford saved an ear of sweet corn last year and planted this spring and kept a strict account of the same to find out just what could be produced from it. She sold 27 dozen ears at 20 cents per dozen thus getting $5.40.

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The Sunday evening services on the courthouse lawn are attracting attention. Last Sunday about 400 heard some good music and a most excellent sermon by Rev. W. L. French. It is the custom of the ministerial alliance to not name the minister who is to deliver the sermon until the hour of service.

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Mrs. Henry Roxby, formerly of the Keck vicinity and who moved from this neighborhood to Aldemere, B.C. died at her home at that place May 24, 1912.

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AUGUST 2, 1912 — When Henry Smith heard the fire bell ring Tuesday he started for the fire in a manner anything but slow. He drove his own team and stood up in the wagon urging the horses on. As the wagon struck the crossing north of the Baptist Church and the horses started to make the turn westward. Mr. Smith lost his balance and was thrown violently to the ground. He was struck on his head and shoulders and was rendered unconscious. After he fell his team became frightened and ran away, demolishing the wagon. A physician was called and an examination failed to reveal any broken bones and after a short rest Mr. Smith was taken in an auto to his home bruised and shaken up, but not severely hurt.

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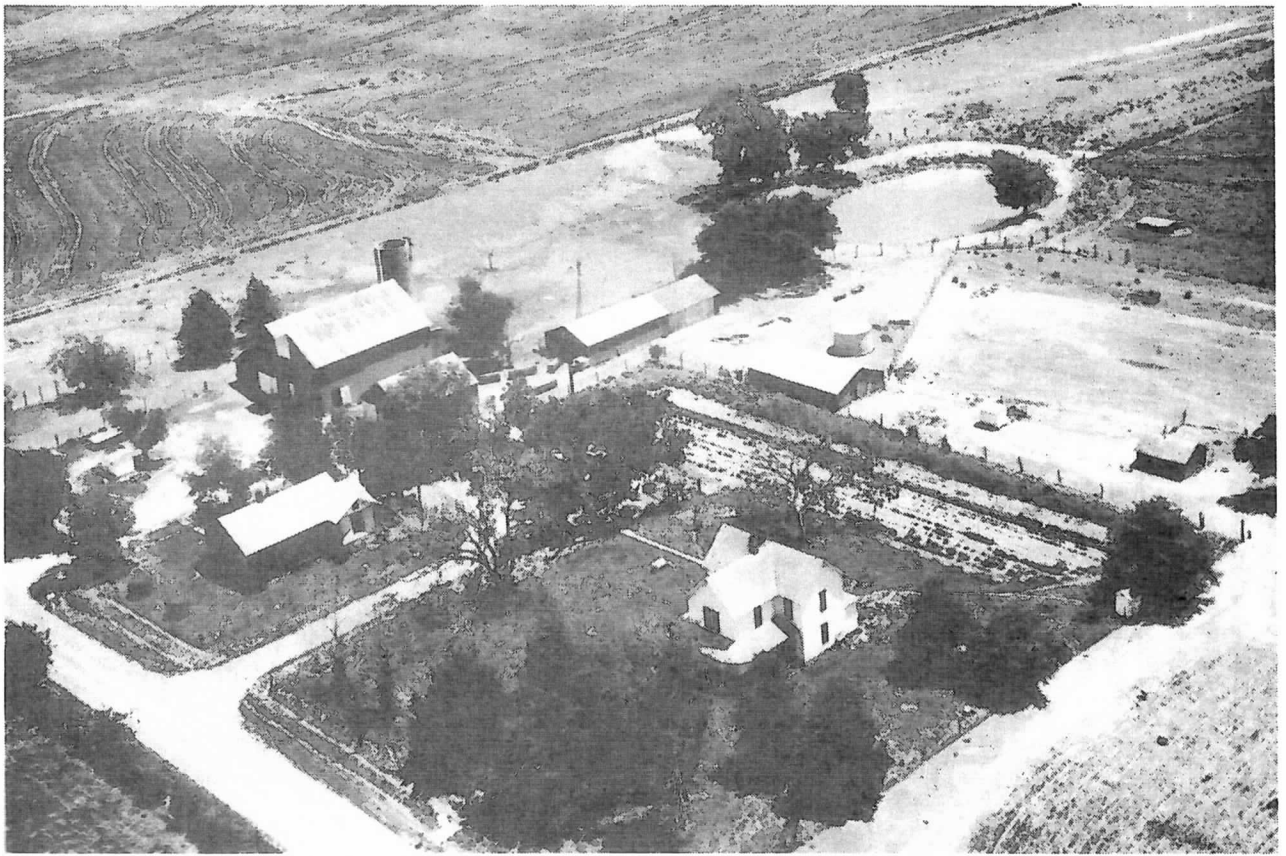
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reno, July 27, a son.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Asa Miller, July 29, a daughter.
Born to Dr. and Mrs. O.B. Trusler, July 27, a daughter.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dickson of Belmont township July 29, a daughter.



The farmstead of Noel Jackson as it appeared in 1956, showing the large barn on the east and the two story house, both built by Jesse L. Jackson in 1902. House is gone.

THE DAVID LITTLE IRELAND FAMILY —

David L. Ireland was born Nov. 29, 1829, in New Paris, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He moved to Henderson Co., Illinois in 1858.

The Ireland ancestors seem to have come from Scotland, going to Pennsylvania and Maryland, and then to Rowen Co., North Carolina in the 1750's or 1760's. They moved to Tennessee, then to Kentucky in about 1796. They lived in Bourbon Co. Kentucky near Caneridge until 1806 when they went to Preble Co., Ohio, where they with others founded the town of New Paris. This was where David L. was born. His father's name was William and his grandfather's name was David.

David Little Ireland and wife Jane Ellen Spere were married December 9, 1860, in Henderson Co., Illinois. Jane Ellen was born near Philadelphia, Penn., Sept. 26, 1835, and died April 18, 1909. She came with her parents to Henderson Co., Illinois in 1843. Here she met and married David L. They were the parents of eight children, six sons and two daughters. One son and a daughter died as infants between 1861 and 1863, from Dysentry.

3-Thomas Jefferson-"Jeff" Ireland was born at Watseka, Illinois, August 18, 1864. He came to Kansas with his parents in 1884. In the year of 1890 he was married to Hattie Hatch and this union two sons were born, William Arthur and Clarence L. They lived in the Carlisle neighborhood south of Toronto. They spent five years in Montana, where they homesteaded a farm, but then came back to Toronto. He died June 18, 1941.

4-William Edgar "Ed" was born Jan. 28, 1966 in Burlington, Iowa, where his folks lived a short time. When about 18 years old Ed came with his parents to Kansas, where they settled on a farm in Belmont township. On December 13, 1894, he was married to Mary Currie. Born to this marriage were three sons, Edgar J., Martin E., and Harold V. Edgar married Avis Eagle, who was the last County Superintendent of Instruction of Woodson County, when that office was discontinued in 1969. At the outbreak of World War 1, Martin Ireland enlisted in Co. L from Yates Center, and was killed in Action in September, 1918, in the Battle of the Argonne Forest in France.

Harold V. was born on the home farm Aug. 6, 1906. He was married to Olga Ann Tilth, June 11, 1932. Their children were Mary Ann, who married Charles Hill, Maxine who married ----Esslinger, Kay who married Harold Dunning, William who married Yvonne Stockebrand.

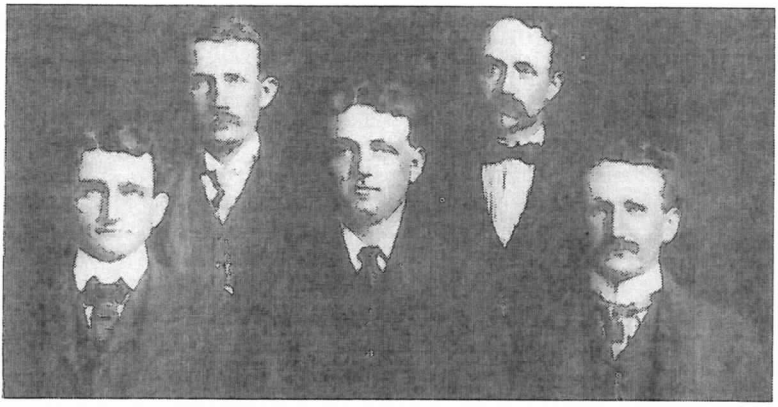
W. Ed Ireland was fatally injured in a car accident during a snowstorm near ElDorado, March 5, 1941. "Ed" had served his County and District well both in the Kansas Senate and the House of Representatives.

5-Flora Ellen Ireland was a school teacher and later owned a millinery shop in Buffalo. She married Guy M. Smith, they moved to Salt Lake City where she died and was buried there. They had two sons, Bruce and David M.

6-David Augustus, better known as "Gus", was born at Watseka, Ill. He attended the Bayless School after the family moved to Woodson County. He was married to Bettie Loretta Huff, Feb. 16, 1898. In 1903, they moved a team to a covered wagon to Colorado. They spent 18 months in Colorado. He worked in hauling timber at Brechenridge and later worked at feeding sheep near Greeley. Coming back to Woodson County he bought out the other heirs and purchased the 160 acres where he had lived with his parents. (This was the N.W. quarter of Sec. 26, Twp. 25, Range 14. David L. had purchased this quarter section in May, 1884. David A. purchased it in November, 1910.) They were the parents of three children. Lester who died on a trip to California, Helen who spent many years as a teacher in Woodson County schools, and married Ward Blackwell. Elma married Hale Nittler.

7-John Ireland was born about 1872 and died as an infant.
8-Clement "Clem" was the youngest of the family. He married Alberta "Birdie" Mathews. Their children were, Maude, Gladys, Clement, Kermit and Wayne.

Clement was born Dec. 10, 1872 at Watseka, Ill. and in 1884 he came to Kansas with his parents in a covered wagon. As a young man he went back east where he attended a business college in New York City. Returning to the Batesville vicinity he was married. He and his wife Alberta lived most of their married life in the Batesville and Toronto vicinities. Clement and Alberta were married for 60 years. He died at the age of 85 years and 7 months and was the last member of his immediate family.

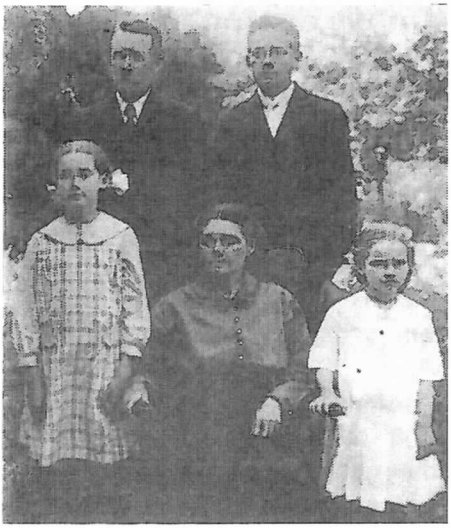


Picture of four Ireland brothers and a cousin. Back row are David A. "Gus" and T. J. "Jeff". In front are W.E. "Ed", a cousin George Spere and Clement "Clem".

More about David Little Ireland. In the early 1850's, he joined a group headed for the "Gold Rush" of California. He drove a team of oxen in a wagon train headed west. He never struck it rich, but did mine some gold. From which he has a signet ring made. It is engraved with the year 1852 on it. The ring was passed from David L. to David A., whose family still have the ring.

David L. returned from California by ship going around Cape Horn, South America, and up the east coast of the United States. He moved to Henderson County, Illinois in 1858 where two years later he was married to Miss Jane Ellen Spere.

After living in several states they arrived in Woodson County in 1884, where they settled on a farm, eight miles southwest of Yates Center -- the N.W. quarter of Sec. 26, 25, 14. They lived there until his death, March 18, 1907. Jane died about two years later. They are both buried in the Yates Center Cemetery.



The David A. 'Gus' Ireland Family, picture taken in 1915. Standing are David A. and Lester Ireland. Seated are at left Helen Ireland Blackwell, Bettie Huff Ireland and Elma Ireland Nitler. The mother and two daughters were all three teachers in Woodson County schools.

The Mother and Grandmother Jane Ellen in later years.

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